

FRANCE'S GIFT TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The following correspondence has taken place by telegraph between Mr. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State, and Mr. Morton, the American Minister at Paris, in regard to the presentation on July 4, by France to this country, of the colossal bronze statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," which has recently been completed at Paris:

I.

PARIS, June 26, 1884.

The Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Secretary:

The French Government, desiring to associate itself with the undertaking of the Franco-American Union Committee, the President of the Council proposes to join with the President of the committee in the formal transfer of the statue of Liberty to me, as the representative of the President of the United States, pursuant to the resolution of Congress of March, 1877. The French Minister of Marine also proposes to furnish a war vessel for its transportation to the United States. The ceremony of presentation is fixed for the Fourth of July.

LEVI P. MORTON, Minister.

II.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, }

WASHINGTON, June 30, 1884. }

Levi P. Morton, Esq., Minister, Paris:

SIR: I am directed by the President to instruct you, as the representative of the United States Government, to attend the ceremonies at Paris on the Fourth of July incident to the presentation to this country of the colossal bronze statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," and, on behalf of the President, make known its acceptance. You will avail yourself of the opportunity to express the thanks of the Government and people of the United States for the statue as a work of art and as a monument of the abiding friendship of the people of France. You will assure the Franco-American Union Committee, the President of the Council, and the citizens of the French Republic, that the American people return most heartily the friendly sentiments which prompted this noble gift to America.

FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN.

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